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Identical letters dated 26 January 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Pursuant to the Saudi Mission's letter dated 23 January 2018, and upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you that, in keeping with the goals of the Arab coalition to restore legitimacy in Yemen, namely, to improve the humanitarian situation of the Yemeni people and to maximize the benefit to the Yemeni economy and its import environment, from all of Yemen's ports, following the deposit of $2 billion in the Central Bank of Yemen by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the coalition confirms that the port of Hudaydah will remain open to receive humanitarian goods and commercial ships, including shipments of fuel and food, for 30 days, starting from 21 January 2018.

Furthermore, the coalition reiterates its call upon the United Nations to enhance the capabilities of the office of the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism in Djibouti in order to prevent the continuous smuggling of weapons and military equipment into Yemen by the Houthi militias, who use the port as a starting point for operations that threaten the safety of maritime navigation in the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab strait.

We would appreciate it if this letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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